CLUSTERS OF WINTER BUDS.

Beautiful Girls Who Will Make Their Debut in Washington This Season,

BELLES OF THE OFFICIAL CRCLE.

the Senson - right Gossip About Society and Its Leaders at the

National Capital.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 21.—The
Present season promises to be a notable
size to the maiter of 5 o'clock teas,
wing to the number of debutants in the
official circle. In view of this fact, Mrs.
Seveland is planning for at least one
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several weeks their time was occupied in house hunting. This proved no easy task, and it was long before they could satisfy themselves in the selection of a house suited to their hospitable intentions. The residence decided upon is an imposing red brick, with brown stone facings, situated on K street, opposite Franklin Park, one of the most desirable localities in the city, It has long been known as the May house, having been built and for a while occupied by Mr. Heary May, the rich Californian.

One of the most noticeable and valu-

ly bridelike, the cluster of white ostrich tips worn in the hair betraying the secret. The attitude is easy and natural and the likeness true. The accompanying portrait was taken at the same period.

Miss Elizabeth Warder, formerly of Ohio, is another on the list. Miss Warder is a noted beauty of the brunette type. She is an ardent horsewoman and may be seen holding the ribbons over the heads of a spirited hair of cobs any afternoon on the asphalt drives in and around while occupied by Mr. Henry May, the rich Californian.

One of the most noticeable and valuable of its adornments at present is a huge tapestry which covers the entire side of the lotty hallway. With so charming a hostees there will be no more popular official centre than the home of the Attorney General.

Miss Rockhill, daughter of the third Assistant Secretary of Sinte, is to be one of the winter's debutantes. There will be no more attractive "hud" in the clustor, than Miss Rockhill, who possesses many accomplishments. Should her health permit, the occasion will be marked by a coming out test at their pretty home on N street, in the neighborhood of the British Embassy. But for some weeks past Miss Rockhill has been ill with typ-



tiful castie, "Ban-Y-Brin" occupying one of the most picturesque points on the bay. This event was widely heraided through the newspapers. The recent introduction at Washington was more in the nature of a reminder of Miss Barney's young-ladyhood.

It will be hard for Mrs. Barney to share her laurels with another, even though that other be her own daughter; yet Miss Natalle will prove a formidable rival to her talented mother, whose artistle talent and pronounced beauty has attracted widespread notice.

Another Ohio girl who is As. of expression. In manner she is at once dignified and gracious—a most pleasing combination in one so young—greatly resembling her mother. Though out of the immediate official set, Miss Nott, by right of birth and breeding, lays claim to the inner circle for which Washington is accovare handled there, and several warehouses do a flourishing business handling the weed.

Located in a picturesque region the town is nestled among hills and valleys and many views are very charming.

In ante-bellum days the place gained

Items From Milton and Other Places - Car-

rie W. as a Roadster-Mr. Logan's Stock at Algoma-Death of Lady Camer,

JULIA SCOTT'S

HORSES AND HORSEMEN

THE HOME OF JOHN R. GENTRY.

Baronet occupies a box next to Gentry, and though of a different mould, being of stouter build, is, to my mind, more impressive than his famous stable companion even. He is by the noted sire Baron Wilkes, and his dam, Lamberta, is a daughter of Daniel Lambert and the dam of three fast trotters. Baronet is five years old and trotted to a record of the state and the bay were the second of the state and the bay were the bay the second of the state and the bay were the bay the second of the

The sun shone brightly, but the ground was crusty and the air cold at Graham, N. C., when the horses which have acquired fame on Grand Circuit tracks, were led out for inspection at Alamance farm in the early part of the past week. Joo. R. Gentry, the famous son of Ashland Wilkes and Damewood was shown to halter, and among those who looked over the great pacing stallion with critical eyes were W. B. Fasig, M. B. Wharton, and James F. Scott, the latter a

thoroughbred sires did stud duty and left strong impress upon the horse stock of the section. Recently, as the guest of that courteous gentleman Mr. W. B. Lewis, of the American Tobacco Company, I spent a day in the town, and from him heard much that was entertaining and instructive.

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He is quite a busy man during these winter days, as the buyer of the big corporation and representing other enterprises, his time is fully occupied. At his farm, near town, he has the handsome black stallion Nutrock, by Norfolk, out of Gippy Patterson, by Messenger Duroc, and some mares by Fayette Wilkes, Mambrino Ledger, Wilkes Boy, Paulico, and other sires. There are over one hundred head of cattle on the place that are being fattened for market, in addition to numbers of hogs. This, with breeding horses, is a source of pleasant diversion to Mr. Lewis.

The Horse World, published at Buffalo, N. Y., has the following to say about the Virginia-bred mare Miss Nelson, 2:12 1-4, that was bred by Preston Belvin, and is now owned by A. E. Donnan, both of Richmond:

"The handsome mare Miss Nelson, 2:12 1-4, that forms the subject of the illustration on the title page of The Horse World this week, has for two years been one of the very prominent contestants in the fast trotting classes. She is a mare of more than ordinary quality, speedy at all times, and possessing an amount of stamina that has surprised more than one driver when he has attempted to beat her and her driver Richard Curtis to the offe, Miss Nelson was fooled in 1821, and was sired by Norfolk, son of Nutwood. Her dam is thought to be a daughter of American Clay, but that fact is not known to a certainty. She is, however, a race-mare of the highest class, and from the form she showed at the end of the season just past she should be a money-winner again next year, as she has been during the two last years."

The Horse World also says:

"It is more than likely that at the

In the brood-mare band are daughters of Allie Lee, King Mambrino, Carlos, Hetzel's Hambletonian, Bonnte Blossom, and Aspinwall, thoroughbred son of imp. Australian. A number of daughters of halling and applications of the state of the stat

Mr. Chas. D. Neal, one of Danville's most promitent ousiness men, and well known as an owner and breeder of trotters, is driving on the road his big brown stallion Extralight, 2:27, by Startisht, son of Kentucky Prince, dam Vlolet, by Volunteer. Extralight is full brother to the fast selding Morelight, 2:28, that trotted trials under 2:29 a year ago to a high-wheel sulky. Mr. Noel also owns a brown colt, two years old, by Wilton, dam Edna Wilkes, 2:23, by Red Wilkes, Capt, Orris A. Browne, whose knowledge of pedigrees and performances has been

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Capt. Orris A. Browne, whose knowledge
of pedigrees and performances has been
gained by years of careful study and experience, writes me as follows from Hoilywood Place at Cape Charles, Va.:
"I am commencing to get enthusiastic
over the Hackney horse, caused by the
ease with which my imported stallion
"The Duke" takes me about. I ride at
20 pounds and am in the saddle from one
to three hours a day, and go at a rate
of speed exceeding six miles per hoursometimes eight. He stands up well under the work and is the strongest and
hest mount I ever had.
"Pimlico, thoroughbred son of Donerall
by Lexington, was a fine saddle-horse,
but I do not think equal to my present
mount. Orion, the brother of Planet,
and Exchequer, was a good one, but was
getting along in years when I rode him.
I am convinced that a horse to take
weight, either to trap or under the saddle, must have straight, true action.
I have, of my own breeding, the colt
Sir Galahad, by The Duke, out of Lila
M, by Bajardo, that is coming on nicelytic has all the strength of his sire, but
is better looking, having the finish of his
dam, and a disposition that is fine.
"I have some fillies by the imported dam, and a disposition that is fine.

"I have some filles by the imported Percheron stallion Dimanche, out of nice mares of untraced breeding. These filles I shall breed next season to the bay stallion Powell, son of Fayette Wilkes out of a mare by Jay Gould, 2:21-2. This borns have fine transparently some some president. horse has fine trappy action, some speed, and is a fine individual. My object is to produce a carriage or useful horse that will sell readily in New York for fair

prices."
Mr. A. G. Daingerfield, of Culpeper, V., is visiting his father, Capt. F. A. Daingerfield, at Lexington, Ky. During his stay in the Blue-Grass region Mr. Daingerfield will visit the breeding establishments in that section and prepare a series of articles for publication in different journals.

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was formerly so justly noted, before the rush of strangers to the city quite changed the complexion of society. For more than twenty years Judge Nott and family have made their home in the West End, where they own a pretty home on Farragut Square. Miss Nott is a warm friend of Miss Elizabeth Warder, and the two girls have looked forward with much pleasure to coming out together. The Misses Dodge, nicees of General William H. Browne, made their initial bow at a ten on December 5th, at their residence on K. street. The sisters are daughters of Mr. Harrison Dodge, who so ably managed the estate of Mount Vernon, Washington's old home on the Potomac. Totally unlike in characteristics, they bear a strong family resemblance. Miss Lucretta, the elder, inherits marked aritistic talent. Both are musical, having received the most careful home training under the eyes of their mother. Upon the occasion of the teather sisters were greatly admired, and they ably assisted in dispensing the hospitality of their home. ANNA P. THOMAS. pense in its erection. The adornments of the interior are of special elegance. The drawing-room walls are hung with richly embroidered white satin in bird and spray design, and the furniture is upholstered in the same delicate material. The spacious dinning-room adjoining is a study in pottery and wood carving. The charming young hostess of these attractive surroundings is a piquant brunette, highly cultivated and inheriting a manner of unaffected cordiality. Her long residence in Paris enables her to speak the tongue like a native. These three cousins will form a charming trio. Miss Elizabeth Harmon is a typical Oilo woman, tall, dignified and gracious, displaying a self possession and ease of manner only te be attained through perfect familiarity with polite society. The accompanying picture was taken since she came to Washington. In addition to her other attractions Miss Harmon possesses a voice of rare cultivation and sweetness. Aircady she has made warm friends among residents, and will enter upon her social career well prepared for the ordeal. Mrs. Harmon accompanied her husband upon his appointment to the Cabinet portfollo last spring to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Mr. Olney to the office of secretary of state, and for

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